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Deep Amazon Voyage **5 days/ 4 nights. Departure day: Every Monday**



The booking of this tour supports the community owned initiative of the Achuar ethnic group in the Ecuadorian Amazon. Thanks for being a sustainable traveler!

DAY 1



PICK UP: Guests will be picked up from their hotel in Quito beginning at 6:00 am.

Departure from Quito: Guests will be driven along the new “Oriental” highway, passing through Tambillo, Latacunga, Ambato, Baños, before arriving in

Shell. Breakfast will be provided for every passenger. Short stops will be made during the trip for bathroom breaks and photo opportunities. Arrival in Shell. Guests will be welcomed by our Achuar representatives and will be assisted onto small planes.

The 50-minute flight from Shell will pass over unbroken pristine rainforest, arriving at the airstrip of the local Achuar community. There you will be welcomed by our guides, who will escort you on the final leg of your journey, a beautiful 30-minute canoe ride into the majesty and tranquility of the rainforest. Lunch at the Ecolodge & Reserve. After lunch guests will have the opportunity to relax, unpack, and situate themselves with the surroundings.

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Afternoon: we will have a quiet activity where guests can walk along one of the Pastaza River beaches. Here, our guides will give guests an introductory orientation session with information about the rainforest and the Achuar culture, while enjoying a beautiful sunset. Dinner.

Day 2:



Early morning: Our guides will escort guests on a 30 minute motor boat ride to reach one of the best natural attractions, the Claylick, where guests will see different species of parrots, macaws, and parrots such as the Cobalt-Winged Parakeet, Chestnut- Fronted Macaw, Yellow Crowned Amazon.

After breakfast guests can take a walk, approximately 2 hours with stops, where they will learn about medicinal plants of the area and tropical forest ecology.

Lunch at the Ecolodge & Reserve. Time to rest. Afternoon: guests will be able to explore, via kayak, the Kapawari River and its connecting lagoons, while looking at the local wildlife such as the pink river dolphin. As the river is quite calm, swimming is completely safe.

After dinner: guests can partake in a spectacular night walk, observing the many different kinds of insects and amphibians that are found around the hotel.

Day 3

Early morning: guests will have the opportunity to finding and spotting the great variety of birds that the southeast Rainforest of Ecuador offers like Hoatzin, Aninga, Speckled Chachalaca, White Eared Jacamar, Cocoli Heron, Neotropical Cormorant, and the Great Egret.

After breakfast guests will take a walk, approximately 2 hours with stops, where they will learn about the benefits and uses of the palms to the Achuar and the important ecological role played by insects and animals in the forest. Lunch at the Hotel.

In the afternoon some activities will be offered: including Fishing where you can fish for piranha or catfish. Also the guest will learn the art of making crafts with staff Achuar Hotel.

At night after dinner, we will explore the Kapawari river in search of nocturnal animals such as monkeys, alligators and birds. All this coupled with a fantastic starry sky at the lodge.

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Day 4



This day the guests could go to Bird watching upstairs Kapawari river or to go to the Claylick Breakfast and departure for a full day activities: our guides will escort guests along the Pitzacocha trail. During this time guests can learn about the forest and its benefits for the Achuar people. Our guides will also teach guests about Achuar hunting techniques and Arutam the spirit of the forest. Picnic lunch in the forest. After lunch: guests

will visit one of the Achuar communities that is located close to the lodge. This is one of our most popular activities offered in the lodge, because of the significant cultural contribution to the Achuar people. Guests will have a chance to see a community and its members and purchase some traditional handicrafts. Return to the lodge followed by dinner. After dinner: cultural activities (legends in hammock house, traditional greetings)

Day 5



Early morning: our guides will bring guests to specific points near the hotel, in order to locate various species of birds. Breakfast and preparation for departure.

In the last few hours before departure from the Achuar territory, guests can participate in a blowgun contest to demonstrate who is the best hunter among the guides and guests. Guests will also be able to learn the art of Achuar

face painting and how it relates to their different activities.

The travel process is reversed and you will normally leave the lodge mid-morning by canoe, then fly by small plane from Achuar territory to Shell and there transfer to your private overland transportation in order to start your comfortable trip back to Quito accompanied by one of our tour guides. The Overland transport to Quito is planned to arrive by mid or late afternoon depending on weather conditions. Your entire return journey will provide one final opportunity to experience the beauty of this unique part of the world.

Note 1: In the event that weather conditions prevent us from getting all guests into the lodge on the scheduled day, we will provide accommodations at a comfortable hotel in Puyo (a 10

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minute drive from Shell) and reschedule the flights to the lodge as early as possible the next morning.

Due to the type of weather of the tropical rain forest some delays can be expected, our recommendation is for you to please consider adding an extra day to your itinerary after visiting this lodge to make sure you meet your connecting flights to your next destination (Galapagos Islands, etc.)

Because of the size of the aircraft it is imperative to limit your luggage to a basic minimum weight; the maximum allowed is 25 pounds (11 kilograms) per passenger including hand luggage. We strongly suggest traveling with backpacks instead of suitcases.

INCLUDES:

- All meals
- Lodging
- Bilingual naturalist guide
- Native guide
- Daily activities & hikes
- River transportation
- Round trip from Quito, land & air transportation.

EXCLUDES:

- Alcoholic beverages, bottled water & souvenirs
- International flights

Thank you for choosing Greentrek!